Recognised service unions or associations for Central Government Health Scheme Doctors

2721. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) which are the recognised Service Unions or Association of the Central Health Scheme Doctors, Central Health Officers and Specialist Doctors at the Regional level and at the Central level;

(b) the details of any JCM if formed at the regional level for the CGHS Doctors and if not the reasons thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken or propose to take to provide office room for the recognised Service Unions Associations of Doctors as in the other services Departments like Telecom?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Doctors of the Central Health Service being Group 'A' employees, the existing provisions of the Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) for recognition of Unions/Associations are not applicable.

(c) Does not arise.

Malpractices by blood banks

2722. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider to eradicate various malpractice and regulate blood banks in the country so as to serve the best interest of general patients;

(b) if so, what are the identified mal-practices of serious nature preesntly in evidence; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to rectify and regulate them in establishing, standard practices in the interest of providing perfect health cover to the ailing patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The main malpractice in this area relates to storage distribution of blood for transfusion without doing the mandatory tests against blood-transmissible diseases. Government have established 180 Zonal Blood Testing Centres and provided linkages to all the Blood Banks so that all the blood samples can be got tested. States/UT Administrations are being assisted to upgrade the facilities in public sector blood banks in a phased manner. The Drugs and Cosmetic Rules have been amended to provide mandatory requirements for all blood banks. Simultaneously the inspetion machinery, both at the Central and the State level, is being strengthened and streamlined to ensure adherence to all the mandatory requirements.

Immunise all health workers and doctors against Hepatitis B in Delhi

2723. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to immunise all health workers, ineluding doctors in Delhi against Hepatitis B which could cause Jaundice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that though a general immunisation of all medical/para-medical workers against Hepatitis B is not done, all categories or risk prone health workers are immunised as and when felt necessary.